CLAIMS

1.   Within a communication system providing
communication services on a communication channel, a
5 method of correcting information communicated on the
communication channel comprising the steps of:
        receiving on the communication channel a
plurality of data frames, wherein the plurality of
data frames include at least one of valid data
10 frames, erasure data frames and invalid data frames
and wherein each valid data frame comprises an
associated data frame sequence identifier;
        sequencing the plurality of data frames
according to the data frame sequence identifiers to
15 form a data frame sequence;
        identifying within the data frame sequence an
omitted data frame;
        inserting within the data frame sequence a
place holder frame for the omitted data frame;
20   determining a valid frame sequence parameter;
        validating the data frame sequence using the
valid frame sequence parameter.

2.   The method of claim 1, further comprising the
25 step of modifying the data frame sequence responsive
to the data frame sequence parameter.

3.   The method of claim 1, further comprising the
step of characterizing received valid data frames as
30 invalid data frames responsive to the data frame
sequence parameter.

4.   The method of claim 1, further comprising,
before the step of validating the data frame
sequence, the step of receiving a next data frame
5   sequence.

5.   A method of providing RLP data checking
comprising:
        receiving a plurality of RLP data frames;
10   sequencing the plurality of RLP data frames
according to data frame sequence identifiers to form
a data frame sequence;
        identifying within the data frame sequence an
omitted data frame;
15   inserting within the data frame sequence a
place holder frame for the omitted data frame;
        determining a valid frame sequence parameter;
        validating the data frame sequence using the
valid frame sequence parameter.
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6.   The method of claim 5, further comprising the
step of modifying the data frame sequence responsive
to the data frame sequence parameter.

25 7.   The method of claim 5, further comprising the
step of characterizing received valid data frames as
invalid data frames responsive to .the data frame
sequence parameter.

8.   The method of claim 5, further comprising,
before the step of validating the data frame
sequence, the step of receiving a next data frame
sequence.

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9.   A method of providing RLP data checking
comprising:
        receiving a plurality of RLP data frames;
        identifying from the RLP data frames a suspect
10   frame, reclassifying the suspect frame to form
        a reclassified frame, and
        passing the reclassified frame to a RLP data
detector.

15   10. The method of claim 9, wherein the step of
reclassifying the suspect frame comprises
reclassifying the bad frame as an erasure.

11. The method of claim 10, wherein the step of
20   reclassifying the suspect frame comprises inserting
a place holder frame.

12. The method of claim 10, wherein the step of
reclassifying the suspect frame comprises
25   characterizing received a valid data frame as an
invalid data frame responsive to a data frame
sequence parameter.

13. The method of claim 10, further comprising the step of sequencing the plurality of RLP data frames according to data frame sequence identifiers to form a data frame sequence.

14. The method of claim 13, further comprising the step of modifying the data frame sequence responsive to a data frame sequence parameter.

15. The method of claim 10, further comprising the step of validating the data frame sequence.

16. The method of claim 15, further comprising, before the validating the data frame sequence, the step of receiving a next data frame sequence.

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17. An apparatus for RLP data checking comprising:

a frame serialization stage, the frame serialization stage coupled to receive a plurality of RLP data frames, each of the plurality of RLP

5   data frames having a sequence number and the frame serialization stage being operable to provide a sequenced data frame output;

a frame filter coupled to the frame serialization stage to receive the sequenced data

10   frame output and to provide a filtered data frame output; and

wherein, place holder frames are inserted in the sequenced data frame output for suspected omitted frames, and erasure frames are inserted in

15   the filtered data frame output for suspected bad data frames.

18. The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the frame serialization stage is coupled to receive a next

20   expected sequence number.

19. The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the frame serialization stage is coupled to an output of a frame CRC check stage and the frame filter is

25   coupled to an input of an RLP data layer.